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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS BELGIAN CHARGE CAHEN JAN. 14 RAISED REPORT RECEIVED IN BRUSSELS GOZ HAD GIVEN THIS EMBASSY LIST OF US FIRMS NOT AFFECTED BY ZAIRIANIZATION MEASURES. CAHEN INSTRUCTED; (A) ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF REPORTED LIST; AND (B) IF TRUE, FIND OUT IF OTHER COUNTRIES SO FAVORED. FONOFF OBSERVED REPORT, IF TRUE, COULD BE BASIS FOR PROTEST OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER YAOUNDE CONVENTION.

2. SINCE BELGIANS AWARE EXISTENCE LIST REFTTEL, CHARGE CONFIRMED REPORT SAYING FIRMS MAINLY THOSE WITH CONVENTIONS PURSUANT TO 1969 INVESTMENT CODE OR PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS
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WHICH EXEMPTED AS A SECTOR.

3. CHARGE NOTED AT LEAST THREE US FIRMS APPEARED TO BE
AFFECTED BY RECENT MEASURES--TEXACO, MOBIL AND KALICAK
CONSTRUCTION CO. US HAD NOT SOUGHT OR RECEIVED
DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FOR US FIRMS. AS GOB KNEW,
US DEMARCHES BASED ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S JAN. 1972
STATEMENT OF US POSITION ON EXPROPRIATION.
COMMENT: FY IN FACT, WE BELIEVE GOZ WILL DISCRIMINATE
IN FAVOR OF US FIRMS SINCE US IS IN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT
POSITION THAN FORMER COLONIAL POWER, BELGIUM. TO DATE,
US ONLY COUNTRY KNOWN TO HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES IN WRITING.
MOREOVER, MOBUTU ANXIOUS NOT TO ROCK BOAT CONCERNING
PRESENT LARGE LOANS UNDER NEGOTIATION OFN ACTIVE INTEREST
CURRENTLY BEING SHOWN BY NEW POTENTIAL INVESTORS SUCH
AS KENNECOTT, ESSO EASTERN, BETHLEHEM STEEL, REYNOLDS
AND KAISER. END FYI. NEWLIN

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